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Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [11]

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H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [19]

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [10]

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [18]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [14]

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Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [15]

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JAPAN	Rosetta	C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	... About 28th April. Freight or Passage.	
LONDON	Malacca	E. G. Andrew, R.N.R.	... About 3rd May. Freight or Passage.	
			* (See Special Advertisement). † (Passing through the Inland Sea).	
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Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [15]

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SACHSEN. THURSDAY, 14th June.
OLDENBURG. THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAUERN. THURSDAY, 12th July.
STUTTGART. THURSDAY, 26th July.
KONIG ALBERT. THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR. THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PRINZ HEINRICH. THURSDAY, 6th September.
PREUSSEN. THURSDAY, 20th September.
HAMBURG. Hamburg-Amerika Linie. WEDNESDAY, 3rd October.
SACHSEN. WEDNESDAY, 17th October.
OLDENBURG. WEDNESDAY, 31st October.
BAUERN. WEDNESDAY, 14th November.
STUTTGART. WEDNESDAY, 28th November.
KONIG ALBERT. WEDNESDAY, 12th December.
WEIMAR. WEDNESDAY, 26th December.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Supner, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE AND CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
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Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [22]

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [15]

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [20]

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12th October, 1898. [21]

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1900. [23]

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W. PLUGER,

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [495]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 4th day of May, 1900, at 2 o'clock (Noon), when the SUBDIVIDED RESOLUTIONS which were passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held on the 18th day of April, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$50 each.

2. That such New Shares be issued at a Premium of \$5 per Share and allotted to the Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of One New Share for every two Shares now held by them.

3. That the Amount due for the New Shares be called up as follows, viz:

\$5 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to rank for six months; Dividend out of the Profits of the Year 1900, and the remaining \$5 per Share on the 1st October, 1900.

DATED the 18th day of April, 1900.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

[sohp] Secretary.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWAHFUOO.

THE Company's Steamship.

"THALES."

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [507b]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship.

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Captain R. W. Almond, will be despatched for the above Port, on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating Chamber.

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [508b]

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THE Steamship.

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will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [507b]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"TAMSUI MARU."

Captain K. Sobajima, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. [505]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Post Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, how are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1892. [493]

ALL WELL.

Lieut. Smithinan of the Rhodesian Regiment reached Mafeking through the Boer lines and returned to Col. Plumer's Camp on the 8th inst. He reports Mafeking "all well" on the 6th inst.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:- On the 18th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen on the E. coast of China and in E. Japan;

fallen in W. Japan. Pressure remains high over E. Japan, and the shallow depression is approaching the W. coast of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast. FORECAST.—E. and varying winds, light; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Terrible arrived at Colombo on the 15th inst.

THERE is a serious outbreak of plague at Hoihow, Haian, and some of the villages round that district.

LIEUT.-COLONEL Retallack left Hongkong by the steamship Preussen to-day, on a year's leave of absence to England.

A VOTE of \$20,000 for the relief of the Famine in India has been passed unanimously by the Straits Legislative Council.

H.M.S. Iphigenia left Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 11th for Colombo. The Pique left Colombo the same day so the two vessels will meet.

THE Governor of Macao is preparing for his departure to Goa, to which place he has been appointed. The new Governor is Senhor Alvaro Ferreira, who is now at Lisbon on leave.

An entertainment will be given to-night at the Soldiers and Sailors Institute, Kowloon, in aid of the funds of that place. We have no doubt it will be well attended, as a good programme has been got up.

ON the 11th ult. His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, attended by Captain Superintendent Paterson, visited the Mixed Court at Shanghai, and was received by Mr. Weng, the magistrate, and Mr. S. F. Mayers, the British assessor.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:-

E. W. Terry \$5

It was reported in local mandarin circles the other day that the date for increasing duties on imports from 5 per cent to 7 per cent ad valorem according to the new tariff arranged at Peking, has been set down for the 8th of May next. This is purely a native report.

AN unusually terrific thunderstorm broke over Woosung on Wednesday night last. Torrents of rain fell incessantly, and the thunder and lightning were almost continuous, for about six hours. In Shanghai there was only a comparatively slight fall of rain and a little thunder and lightning.

THE making of the new roads over at Kowloon seems to be appreciated by the beggar fraternity. They seem on the increase, and no doubt make a much better living, now that the roads are so much used. As they have no need for tramping about now, we notice that there are a great many lame ones.

All lovers of "Tom Brown" will be sorry to know that Mrs. Arnold, the widow of the old Head, died at Lowestoft on the 16th March from pneumonia. Mrs. Arnold, who was 79 years of age, must have during her stay at the School-House at Rugby, "mothered" thousands of the best Englishmen of the day.

WARREN'S Circus again attracted large crowds last night, the large tent being packed. The various items were heartily applauded, and there was no doubt that the audience were enjoying themselves. We would remind our readers that a change of programme is announced for to-night, and that they should lose no time in securing seats.

CAPT. W. Trail late of the Royal Siamese Navy, and at one time superintendent of the dockyard at Bangkok, died recently in that city at an advanced age. He was accorded a funeral with naval honours, most of the Siamese Navy attending. Capt. Trail was a native of Paisley, and came out to the East in 1842, when he was only 14 years of age.

A PRIVATE letter received at Shanghai from Foochow says that the French are having all their work to keep their hold on the Arsenal, the Chinese being very anxious to close it on the ground that the expenses are more than the province can stand. The Tartar General is Commissioner of the Arsenal, and its maintenance does not suit his pocket at all.

ACCORDING to the Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (Mr. C. V. Ladds) just published, for the year 1899, the price of all food has been gradually increasing during the past five years, till at the present time nearly every article consumed by both Europeans and natives shows an increase of at least 100 per cent, and in a few instances much more.

A WUCHANG dispatch states that that city was visited on the 6th instant by a typhoon which blew down a large number of houses just outside the Pao-an Gate, and that a number of large trees famous from their size, on the hill in the rear of the Human Guild house in that city, were also blown down and some uprooted. Fortunately there was no loss of life.

A ONE-LEGGED bull. An Irish soldier who had his leg amputated after the battle at Colenso, begged to be allowed to go again to the front when the wound was healed. His arguments were as ingenious as his determination was great. "You see, sir," he said to the doctor, "I should be better off than the others. If the Boers hit me where the leg's missing they wouldn't hit me at all, at all!"

A SHANGHAI contemporary learns from Wei-hai-wei that Colonel Bowler and Major Penrose, escorted by Captain Pereira and a company of the Chinese Regiment, are going out shortly to delimit the frontier of the territory leased by the British. The Chinese Commissioners are to be the Tartars Yen and Li and Captain Lin. It would seem that this work should have been done eighteen months ago, but apparently our Government have only just discovered what a valuable acquisition Wei-hai-wei is.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LTD.

A LONDON telegram of the 13th ultimo to an America paper said:- There is every prospect of a scandal over the issue of war bonds to the extent of £10,000,000. It is charged that a syndicate of bankers was formed and that it will receive the major portion of the bonds. The bonds were sold at 98 and are already at a premium of 3 per cent. It is argued that the Government, instead of fixing the price, should have called for popular bids. A Parliamentary inquiry is threatened. —*Japan Mail*.

VERILY the Boer is a "slim" being, and in the matter of weapons is very much up to date. As an instance of this, it is stated that an automatic rifle was picked up at the battle of Magersfontein, and one or two others have been found elsewhere. Presumably it is a Mauser patent, but the curious thing is that although experts in this country knew of such a weapon having been patented, and had seen specifications of the same, there was not one who even heard that the rifle had been put on the market or had even been manufactured. The weapon in question fires ten rounds automatically, and the magazine is easily recharged. Whether an automatic rifle is a useful thing or not is a question, and one worth considering. The point is the extraordinary circumstances of finding the article in South Africa in actual use when our experts were ignorant of its existence.

We give below the programme of the Concert to-night at the Soldiers and Sailors Institute, Kowloon. It will be seen that the entertainment will have plenty of variety, which we take it is to the taste of most people.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Solo Mansfield Sydney Smith.

2. Song Mrs. Florence Shaw For All eternity.

3. Violin Solo Mr. Littlefield Mr. Littlefield.

4. Song Miss Eliza Chisholm Mr. G. Sidney.

5. Song (Comedy) The Girl I Left Behind Me Sullivan.

6. Banjo Solo To the Front (By request) Canneyer.

7. Song Mr. J. T. d'Almeida E. Castro-Renelius.

8. Song The Island of Dreams Adams.

9. Intermission.

PART II.

10. Pianoforte Duett La Harpe Eccluse Sydney Smith.

11. Piano Solo Miss Eliza King and Miss Chisholm.

12. Song Last Night Kjerulf.

13. Violin Solo Miss Ellen Chisholm.

14. Song (From "The Gardener") Sullivan.

15. Song (Comedy) From "The Gardener" Mr. A. C. Van Niekerk.

16. Violin Solo Mr. G. Sidney.

17. Intermission.

18. Pianoforte Solo Mr. G. Sidney.

19. Song (From "The Garden") Verdi.

20. Violin Solo Mr. G. Sidney.

21. Song (From "The Garden") Verdi.

22. Song and Chorus From "The Runaway" Caryll.

23. Miss Ellen Chisholm.

24. God save the Queen.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer, Sir T. Jackson, begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following contributions to be above Fund:

Already Acknowledged \$33,137.85

Tarantula Society 200

D. S. Daily Burjor 151

A. Fuckera 100

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taken with comfort. I must not omit to mention the number of species of birds to be seen in this neighbourhood. I was told that the German Consul here had shot over 200 in his garden. In the winter there are plenty of geese and ducks.

M. H. W.

A ROUGH VOYAGE.

The 1.C. steamer *Pechili*, which arrived yesterday from Tientsin, says the *N. C. D.* News of 11th inst., had a particularly rough experience during part of the passage. She left port on the 5th instant, and about 10 hours after leaving, heavy thunder, with lightning, set in. After a while the electrical disturbance ceased and then a howling gale, with squalls of hurricane force, began. A fearful sea rose, washing the vessel's decks repeatedly and one great wave smashed in the front of the wheelhouse forward. The steamer showed good weatherly qualities, but for some, at least of those on board, it was an anxious time. For fully 36 hours the ship's company had this storm to contend with, and then came a welcome change to fine, but foggy weather. During the height of the storm, which was unusually long of duration, some of the seas were of tremendous height and volume, and it is fortunate that the *Pechili* came through with so little damage. A carpenter's gang from the Old Dock was at work repairing the wheelhouse soon after the vessel arrived yesterday, and the shattered ends of the timbers bear ample testimony to the violence of the seas. Her cargo was in no way injured.

DETENTION OF A MAIL STEAMER.

Kong, April 6th.

The P. & O. steamer *Rosetta*, having on board the English mails of 2nd ult., which was looked for at daylight to-day, arrived at Wada Pt. at an early hour this morning, and was unexpectedly detained there until 4.30 o'clock this afternoon. There has accordingly been a delay of several hours in the delivery of the mails. The cause of the detention calls for remark. It seems a suspected case of small-pox occurred on board the Co.'s steamer *Bengal*, between Singapore and Hongkong, and as the *Rosetta* brought on some of her passengers, the Quarantine officials held the vessel at Wada and fumigated her. Whether such a course was necessary is open to doubt, and it is to be hoped some representations will be made on the subject. According to the Regulations, of course, any case of infectious disease occurring on board a vessel after commencing the voyage renders it necessary for the ship, crew and passengers to be fumigated at the first port of call in Japan. The *Jitai* had to undergo this treatment the other day in Nagasaki, owing to a case of small-pox having occurred on board between Sase and Aden. Why the authorities here should disregard the fact that the vessel had been granted pratique by the Straits and at Hongkong and Shanghai seems inexplicable. But in that case it could at least be urged that the disease occurred on board the steamer detained by the Quarantine authorities. This cannot be urged in the case of the *Rosetta*, and, no sickness having occurred on board this ship, we are at a loss to understand why she should have had to undergo fumigation.—*Herald*.

WRECK OF THE BRITISH SHIP "IRANIAN."

A Tokio telegram of 9th instant says:

The British ship *Iranian* which went ashore at Niijima, Idzumi province, was on her way to the South Seas from America laden with coal. She struck the sunken reef called Jenisui, about 24 miles from Kusushima on the 7th inst. at 7 p.m. The captain and fourteen of the crew landed at Niijima and sixteen others at Kusushima. The authorities of the latter place arrived at Shinagawa with the sixteen men last night. The Tokio Fu authorities did what was necessary for them, and they subsequently were taken in charge by the British Consul at Yokohama.

The captain who landed at Niijima, arrived at Shimoda on the 8th and again proceeded to the wreck to inspect the ship, and also to bring away on old man who was left on board. Two officials and one interpreter from the Tokio Fucho were sent to Niijima yesterday morning. Viscount Senki, Governor, sent 60 lbs. of bread and 3 dozen cans of meat, and the Shipreck Relief Society 1 dozen bottles whisky, 2 dozen tins of milk and 5 lbs. of coffee to the sailors at Niijima.

THE RAISING OF THE "MORGAN CITY."

Kong, 6th April.

The pontoons, which have been in course of construction at the Kawasaki Dockyard for the raising of the "Morgan City," have now been completed. The first of the pair left for the scene of the wreck on Monday evening, and the other will leave to-night. Men are engaged at the wreck in preparing for the work of the pontoon, and it is expected that the actual work of raising the ship will commence in a week. Capt. Robertson, of Seattle, who is in charge of the Insurance Company's interests in the matter, goes to Onomichi to-morrow to superintend the operations, along with the representatives of the Kawasaki Co. *Herald*.

THE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

THE EXPECTED REVIEW AT KOBE.

Kong, April 9th.

The following telegrams relate to the progress of the Naval Manoeuvres:

Kure, April 7th.—Commanders Tsunoda and Hidaka have made the Matsushima and Asuna their flagships during the manoeuvres. The officers enrolled as for active service during the manoeuvres began duty on the 6th inst.

The umpires and the military officers who observe the operations embarked to-day.

Kure, April 8th.—The invading squadron is formed of the *Fuji*, *Asama*, *Kasagi*, *Chiyoda*, *Matsuhashi*, *Itakusushima*, *Hashidate*, *Asami*, *Akitushima*, *Chiyo*, *Takachiko*, *Yacama*, *Miyako*, *Yamato*, *Toyouoshi*, *Chincha*, *Chinen*, and several torpedo boats, and they left the port this morning.

Ujina, April 8th.—The warships assembled at Kure for their destinations this morning.

A Japanese paper states that over fifty warships at present taking part in the manoeuvres will arrive here from the 15th to the 20th inst., and the review of the squadron will be held by His Majesty the Emperor as already reported.

The *Kobe* City Sanjukai will invite the officers to a garden party during their stay here. It is hoped the residence of Viscount Kuki will be granted for the occasion, and communications as to the matter are progressing between the authorities and the nobleman. Should this proposal fail through the *Minjingawa* banks will be utilised for the purpose, and if it were on the day of the celebration the Shinko Club will be used. The country villa of H.I.H. the Prince Arisugawa at Nakao will be the temporary residence of His Majesty the Emperor if His Majesty visits *Kobe* to review the squadron.—*Herald*.

THE POSITION OF THE COREAN QUESTION.

It is curious to observe, says the *Kob Herald* of 6th inst., how quickly and completely the alarms that were raised in connection with the demand by Russia on Corea the other day, have dropped out of the purview of the Japanese press—and presumably also of the Japanese public. An affair of this sort, affecting the interests of any of the western peoples as nearly as those of Japan were touched by the Russian demand, would have left a long train of press and public discussion, conjecture, and mayhap recrimination in those countries where the people have been educated to take a strong and permanent interest in their right-of-way claims and prerogatives. In Japan, however, the end of the precise cause of immediate difficulty and discussion is no sooner reached than the matter lapses—practically into oblivion, without apparently in the least degree prejudicing or improving the basis of the ordinary relations of the country with Russia. It is not even made clear what the exact issue of the matter has been. Unofficially it is stated that Russia is content with the right to purchase the extent of land that will suit within the limits of the Masampo concession—a right of which she could have availed herself at any time and under any circumstances.

The Government does not make it known if this is really the issue of the matter, and in this connection the lack of some system akin to that of the issue of Bluebooks which is observed by most of the Constitutional governments in Europe, is a grievous deficiency, fostering indifference among the people through ignorance, or the want of the means of knowledge. The affair has lapsed, and so far as can be judged, the Japanese government is satisfied with the manner in which it has lapsed. Russia has made no encroachment on the essential integrity of Corean territory, and such encroachment is, as we know, from repeated authoritative declarations, the only contingency that Japan will regard as a *casus belli* in Corea. But the country, or its responsible leaders, apparently are *purple-blind*. They are the victims of a lamentable illusion if they imagine that Russia rests content with what her recent attempt secured. Marquis Ito says that Japan refuses to believe that Russia will break the pact with Japan for the maintenance of Corean integrity—refuses to believe until Russia does break it. Russia has now broken it—in fact if not in deed. By the demand on Corea for a part of Corean territory the Russian government showed that it will ignore the convention—or part Marquis Ito styles it—when it can safely do so. This, if it is anything, is a moral if not an actual infringement of the agreement. On a common-sense judgment it must appear that Russia has defined her attitude towards the convention in question and towards the Corean question generally. Yet Japan is content—we must suppose that she is content.

It is absurd to suppose that the settlement of the Masampo affair finishes the Corean question. Rather is it to be taken as the precursor of future—perhaps early—trouble. Russia, as we are to suppose, has been flouted out of her pretensions, but of what her statesmen probably consider her inevitable rights—her territorial pre-eminences in the Far East. No one supposes Russian statesmen are content that this should be the last word on this matter. All the tendency and trend of Russia's recent diplomatic record is opposed to any such supposition.

A DANGEROUS VOLCANO.

Mown Asama, the *Japan Times* says, is reported to have again become active. At about 3.10 o'clock, on the afternoon of the 31st ult., the volcano suddenly began sending out dense columns of smoke and fire, accompanied by a tremendous noise. These manifestations lasted for about two hours, gradually lessening in fury toward evening, when the volcano again became suddenly active for about half an hour, and then all was quiet. The result of the outburst was that lava and ashes fell in torrents in the neighbourhood, which presented a gash-like appearance. Physiological experts think that the volcano may explode at any time and in consequence the panic-stricken inhabitants of the neighbourhood are said to be all ready to effect their escape as soon as the first intimation of the said explosion reaches them.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

Action at Kao.

London, March 31st

Reuter's despatch from Bloemfontein, dated the 30th, says:—The kops at Kao are very steep, and for three hours a determined opposition and a severe fire was kept up along the whole line of the enemy, who used on "pom-pom" gun effectively. No headway was made by us till the infantry delivered the main attack in the centre, capturing several kops. The cavalry meanwhile worked round both flanks. The Boers finally retreated slowly, taking their dead and wounded with them. The movements of our cavalry prevented the advance of reinforcements from Brandford where the Boers are estimated to number 5,000 men. Yesterday's casualties exceed the figure given in the first report. Lieut. Young, of the Scottish Borderers, was killed, and Captain Marter, of the Dragon Guards, wounded. Ten men were killed and 162 wounded.

The pause at Bloemfontein is said to be necessitated by the preparations for the rigors of a Transvaal winter, and also by rearrangement, seeing that the wastage of horseflesh has been enormous. Nevertheless, the general belief at home is, that the enemy is now forcing the game.

It is believed that Lord Roberts was instructed to convey the Queen's sympathy to Joubert's widow. Her Majesty recognising in the late General a gallant soldier and an honourable foeman. Sir Geo. White sailed from Cape Town on Wednesday. Relying to an address from the Mayor and Corporation, in the presence of an enthusiastic meeting of the townspeople, he praised the Imperial Light Horse, whose equals as soldiers he had not met in fifty years of service. During the attack on Caesar's Camp, sixteen Manchesterers held a remote corner from three in the morning until dusk. The Devonsires who reinforced them found fourteen dead and only two survivors, one of whom was badly wounded, who still held the position. "England," he concluded, "that brave little dot on the map will always come out best in the end." He testified to General Joubert's courtesy and humanity. The latter's funeral yesterday was attended by the resident Foreign Attachés in the neighbourhood. The British officers imprisoned sent wreaths.

Despite the denials of the Free State rebels who surrendered, Maxim and 9-pounds have been unearthed from wells and mine-shafts and loads of ammunition have been disinterred from shark graves covered with tombstones.

Gen. French, after a magnificent march, carried out a turning movement on the right, with the main Infantry in the centre, and Colonel Legallaisson (*sic*) on the left. Ruyard Kipling accompanied the latter's brigade. The Boers retreated precipitately, and a strong commando arriving from Ladybrand was almost decimated by Gen.

French. The Waterworks were destroyed, but were exposed to a heavy galling fire, but prevailed in the end, driving the enemy from their posts at the point of the bayonet. The pursuit of the enemy was checked by a skilful rearguard action in which the Johannesburg police took the principal part. The position which our troops have captured is one of the utmost strategical importance.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in his correspondence to the *Morning Post*, daily urges clemency to the rebels who are voluntarily surrendering in all directions. It appears that General Buller, Lord Dundonald, and Col. Sandbach, all concur in the expediency of such action.

The Waterworks Ambush.

London, April 2nd.

Lord Roberts telegraphs that Colonel Broadwood reports that his losses in the ambush near the Bloemfontein waterworks were 350, including 200 missing, besides seven guns and all his baggage. A despatch from Lord Roberts, confirming Reuter's despatch, says that Colonel Broadwood informed him that the enemy were approaching Thabanchu in two bodies from north and east. Col. Broadwood stated that he intended retiring on the waterworks, seventeen miles nearer to Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts replied that the 9th Division would march at day-light to support him, and led it off. Broadwood's discretion to retire as proposed. Colonel Broadwood moved at night and bivouacked, and was attacked at daybreak on the 31st March on three sides. He then despatched his batteries and baggage towards Bloemfontein, covering the road across a deep nullah in which the Boers, during the night, had concealed themselves so well that the British scouts passed over without discovering them. The Boers opened fire when the wagons and guns entered the drift, and many drivers and horses were shot at short range, and the uncaptured guns galloped away. The scouts found the passage across the nullah unoccupied by the enemy by which the remainder of Colonel Broadwood's force crossed and re-formed with great steadiness. On hearing that Colonel Broadwood was hard-pressed, Lord Roberts ordered General French, with the two remaining Cavalry Brigades, to follow and support the 9th Division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene at two in the afternoon. The strength of the enemy is estimated at 8,000 to 10,000, with guns, the number of which is not reported.

Reuter, writing from Bloemfontein, says that the spot where the ambush occurred is a terrible sight, filled with corpses, horses, and broken wagons in hideous confusion. Col. Broadwood's presence of mind and skillful handling of the force saved it from entire destruction. "U" Battery, R. H. A., escaped under a heavy fire and shelled the enemy, who had five killed and nine wounded. Lord Roberts, writing from Bloemfontein on the 1st instant, 8.5 p.m., says:—

"A report has just arrived that the enemy has retired towards Ladybrand, leaving twelve wounded British officers and seventy wounded men at the Waterworks. Capt. Humphreys and Lieuts. Peck, Ashmore, and Murch, of the 9th Battery, and one gunner, were killed, and there are forty wounded and missing. All the 'U' Battery is missing, except Major Taylor and the Surgeon-Major. The 'U' Battery lost five, and 'Q' two guns. The two cavalry regiments did not suffer heavily."

The adventures of Captain Haldane and Lieut. LeMesurier, who escaped from Pretoria, are equal to those of Monte Christo. They passed 21 days in a tiny underground hole dug beneath the prison before their escape, and were afterwards up to their necks in a river while the Boers were searching along the banks for them. They also had other thrilling experiences.

CALCUTTA, April 3rd.

The correspondents state that the Boer losses in the action at Kao are inconsiderable. Mr. Bennett Burleigh of the *Daily Telegraph*, thinks that the Boers were as heavy as ours.

LONDON, April 3rd.

A *Times* despatch from Bloemfontein, dated 1st April, states that, after a march of eighteen miles to the support of Col. Broadwood, General Colville sent General Macdonald's Brigade against the main drift leading to the Waterworks, while General Smith Dorrien's Brigade attempted another drift, which turned the position of the Boers, who fell back slowly before the infantry and ranged at the foot of the hills between the Modder River and Thabanchu.

Three transports sailed from Lyttelton and Wellington for the Cape on Saturday, with 900 troops and a thousand horses, forming the Fourth and Fifth New Zealand Contingents. The scenes on the embarkation of the men were of unprecedented enthusiasm. Accounts agree that the enemy's position at the Bloemfontein Waterworks is one of great natural strength. A wooded ridge terminating in a long hill, flanks the main kopje on the right, while broken kopjes from connecting ridge on the left. The general steepness of the ground defied the Mounted Infantry until the cavalry flanked them. The ambuscade was clearly a masterpiece of cunning. Colonel Broadwood's force, consisting of 1,400 men and 100 convoy wagons, had hardly started, and the men were still breakfasting when a deadly rifle-fire was opened from a donga 70 yards away. The leading troops of Robert's Horse were swept from their saddles, while the mules and oxen, terror-stricken, trampled on the wounded and dying. Four teams, whose drivers were shot, stampeded. These guns and one other were rescued by Sergeant Martin. Only five were saved, but the *Central News* correspondent, confident all the others will be recaptured. He praises the gallantry of the gunners, who hauled the guns out of the sprout clear of the enemy's range by means of drag-ropes, under a perfect hail of shot. Meanwhile, Colonel Alderson's men held back 7,000 of the enemy, retreating steadily and losing heavily. The force comprised many Colonials, who behaved splendidly.

A corrected list of the casualties among officers at Bloemfontein Water Works gives:—

Killed:—Northumbrians,—Captain Booth, Robert's Horse; Crowler, R. A. M. C.—Surgeon-Lieut. Irvine. *Wounded*:—Horse Artillery.—Col. Rochfort, Capt. Humphreys, Lieuts. Ashmore, Peck, and Murch. Tasmanian Artillery.—Lieut. Walsh. Horse Guards.—Lieut. Hon. Meader, Robert's Horse.—Lieuts. Pack-Beresford, Darley, and Kirkwood. Essex Regiment.—Major Cruckshank Royal Munsters.—Lieut. Russel-Brown. Shropshire.—Lieut. Grover (since dead). Northumbrians.—Lieutenant Hall Missing: Horse Artillery.—Captain Wigat, Ninth Hussars.—Lieutenant the Hon. Adderson-Pelham and Lieutenant Crichton.

Col. Broadwood's force consisted of 1,400 of all arms. Prince Adolphus, of Teek, was in charge of the transport; and, although the section suffered terribly, he is safe. The severest casualties occurred in Robert's Horse. We are said to have lost 100 wagons, but the Boers claim to have captured 200.

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French. The Waterworks were destroyed, but, which is supplied from springs and a large dam reserve.

The *Times*, in discussing the unfortunate business at the Waterworks says that, after the Boers have some brains, whereas British officers too often behave as if they were dealing with a lot of congenital idiots.

Captain Holdane and Lieut. LeMesurier, in their attempt to escape, had relied on the promised transfer of officers to other quarters; but, delaying occurring, they were imprisoned for 18 days in a hole 23 feet in depth, under the trap door. They tried to dig a passage to open into the sewer with a screw-driver and bayonet without success, and emerged too exhausted to walk. Pretending they were wounded Boers, their arms in slings, they followed the railway past the Boer's encampment within 500 yards of repeated outposts, suffering terribly from want of food. They declare that, though beset by searchers, they never used a bribe.

A mass meeting was held at Cape Town today. The Mayor presiding, when a resolution was enthusiastically passed in favour of the annexation of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State Republics.

Returning in procession, the meeting met Mr. Schreiner, who was hissed and booted and had to take refuge in a cafe. He eventually reached Parliament House and uncovered his head when "God Save the Queen" was sung, thus pacifying the mob.

Similar simultaneous meetings took place at loyal centres in the Cape Colony and Natal.

A further list of casualties on the 31st gives:

Missing:—Horse Artillery.—Captain, Rouse, Lieut. G. White, Lieut. J. Stanton, Lieut. J. Livingstone Learmouth, Northumbrians.—Lieutenant Toplin, Yorkshire Light Infantry.—Capt. Ottley, West Kents.—Lieut. Hildyard, Four Colonial officers.

Skill and Stupidity.

Further particulars that are being received of the ambush at Bloemfontein Waterworks show the complete nature of the surprise and the utter defeat of Col. Broadwood's force. The attacking party consisted principally of Free State under Gen. Olivier, who succeeded in skillfully eluding Col. Pilcher in the retreat from Stormberg. Olivier had been considerably reinforced by commandos, which had been detached from the main army of the Boers, when it retreated northwards before the advance of Lord Roberts. The skill with which Olivier had laid the ambush only equalled the blind confidence with which the British convoy walked into it. According to the Cape Town correspondent of the *Times*, there was apparently no scouting done at all. There was not a man ahead of the escort, and those behind did not discover that anything was wrong, until half the convoy had been captured. Some of the troops composing the Brigade suffered terribly. A squadron of the 6th Dragoons and Inniskillings, numbering 140 at the start, mustered afterwards, when the remains were extricated from the death-trap, only ten mounted men.

Olivier's re-occupation of Ladybrand and Thabanchu, which had been previously occupied by General French, was a piece of brilliant strategy.

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Dated the 27th March, 1900.
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THE PUNJOMI MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on the 3rd day of March, 1900, and which Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Interest at the rate of 10 per cent, per share will be charged on all Overdue Calls.
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. 1506b
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed:

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Capital of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of \$12 per cent, per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. 1403b
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By Order, C. MOONEY,
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SHEWAN, TOMES CO.,
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Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. 1400b
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E. Horton.....	U.S.A., VIAMOY, SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	Daylight.
KASUGA MARU.....	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	SATURDAY, 21st April, at
E. W. Haswell.....	HAMA	Noon.
MURKE MARU.....	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA...	TUESDAY, 24th April, at
S. Kawamura.....	... Noon.	Noon.
MIKAWA MARU.....	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and	TUESDAY, 24th April, at
M. Takahashi.....	NAGASAKI	4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU.....	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via	FRIDAY, 27th April, at
A. E. Moses.....	MARSELLES, LONDON, NEW- CASTLE ON TYNE, and AN-	4 P.M.
M. Nivison.....	WERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and	FRIDAY, 27th April, at
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THROUGH THE BOER LINES.
A CORRESPONDENT'S ESCAPE FROM LADYSMITH.

Mr. Hutton, Reuter's correspondent, who managed to get through the Boer line at Ladysmith, gives the following account of his experiences:

"On the failure of General Buller's third attempt to reach Ladysmith, I determined to endeavour to effect my escape from captivity, leaving my assistants behind. Having received the necessary permission from the General, I started off on foot at half-past seven on the evening of the 10th, accompanied by a native guide, for Cheeveye.

"We got along without difficulty until we reached a point two miles east of the base of Caar's Camp, when we came across a Boer picket, to which we got too near. They challenged, and we promptly fell on our stumps behind some big rocks. Three bullets came whistling through the air above our heads. We lay quiet for thirty minutes, and then cautiously crawled on our hands and knees for over half a mile, expecting every moment to be followed by a volley of Mauser bullets. All was quiet, however, save for the distant hum of conversation which could be heard in the stillness of the night proceeding from the direction of the enemy's lines.

"At last we rose and made for Pieter's Station up and down tremendously steep hills covered with stones. We kept closely to the Kaffir paths. Our progress was naturally slow. At two o'clock we reached Pieter's Station, where there were two Boer camps. Here we had a most anxious time. We were again challenged, and again had to crawl over rocks and stones for a mile until we were quite clear of the enemy.

"We had now reached slightly better country, though it was thickly studded with thorn bushes, and made good progress. At six o'clock we arrived at a friendly Kaffir's hut two miles from the Tugela, completely exhausted, having crawled and walked a distance of twenty-two miles. Here I lay hidden beneath the whole of sundry, as the Boers could be seen in small bodies patrolling the plain through which I had passed the previous night.

"I left the hut at seven o'clock on Sunday evening and arrived at a friendly kraal on the banks of the Tugela, where I was told that it was not safe to go on, as the Dutchmen had been inquiring further up the river for a Mrs. Simpson, the Queen's Proctor intervened, and at the president to rescind the decree, alleging that the original citation had not been served on Francis Airey, but on a certain William Mark, whom Mrs. Airey had identified in the presence of a witness as her husband. The real Airey had entirely disappeared since 1890. William Mark, a railway employee, was living in 1893 with a Mrs. Simpson. One day, as he was walking in the street, a woman smiled and nodded to him. An intimacy resulted, Mark knowing the woman as Sarah Airey, while she persisted in calling him Frank Airey, though he denied that it was his name. So five years later, he gets divorced, under the guise of Francis Airey, from a woman who never was his wife. The Queen's Proctor produced this William Mark in court. A sister of the real Francis Airey said the respondent was not her brother, whom she had not seen for eleven years. Mrs. Airey, giving evidence, still persisted that the man was her husband. 'Whether he is Francis Airey or not, he is the man who married me.' Sir Francis Jeune chose to believe the Queen's Proctor rather than the petitioner, who had committed 'a very deliberate fraud,' he thought, the case was wrongly brought against William Mark, and that he was wrongly served. The decree nisi would therefore be rescinded with costs.

experiment with was not virulent and was easily killed by quinine. Should these experiments eventuate in the way it was believed they would, this will encourage the Colonial Office to go forward in the direction now clearly indicated, and would prepare those for whose education the experiments were intended to adopt such measures as experts might devise for protection from malaria.

THE SCOUT.

He's got to know his rifle and the shooter in his belt, And you bet he's got to know his way about; For in Krugerland he finds that half-a-yard of rising verd' Is considered ample cover for a Scout. He often finds his morning ride extend to thirty miles, And his feeding has to wait till by-and-by; He rides his litte gee-gee in a circus sort of style, And he's equally prepared to live or die. In a brush for death or glory, he is always on the spot. Though he has to ride his knacker to the bone; If his nature is reflective, he has time to think a lot. For he's often six-and-thirty hours alone; And the family who shipped him off from England in despair. Are sure to be remembered in the broken little prayer. That at night-time goes to Heaven from the Scout.

Day by day he's hiding, hiding; Night by night he's riding, riding; If he's caught by Kruger's men he doesn't get much show. Whizzing shells and bullets brawling, All to keep our flag a-waving; He's the man that shows the British Army where to go!

—London Sketch, March 7.

STRANGE DIVORCE CASE.

Novels seldom yield a story surpassing in strangeness that unfolded by the Queen's Proctor in the matrimonial suit of Airey v. Airey. Sarah Airey, in December 1893, obtained a decree nisi against her husband, Francis Airey, on the ground of his misconduct with a Mrs. Simpson. The Queen's Proctor intervened, and at the president to rescind the decree, alleging that the original citation had not been served on Francis Airey, but on a certain William Mark, whom Mrs. Airey had identified in the presence of a witness as her husband. The real Airey had entirely disappeared since 1890. William Mark, a railway employee, was living in 1893 with a Mrs. Simpson. One day, as he was walking in the street, a woman smiled and nodded to him. An intimacy resulted, Mark knowing the woman as Sarah Airey, while she persisted in calling him Frank Airey, though he denied that it was his name. So five years later, he gets divorced, under the guise of Francis Airey, from a woman who never was his wife. The Queen's Proctor produced this William Mark in court. A sister of the real Francis Airey said the respondent was not her brother, whom she had not seen for eleven years. Mrs. Airey, giving evidence, still persisted that the man was her husband. 'Whether he is Francis Airey or not, he is the man who married me.' Sir Francis Jeune chose to believe the Queen's Proctor rather than the petitioner, who had committed 'a very deliberate fraud,' he thought, the case was wrongly brought against William Mark, and that he was wrongly served. The decree nisi would therefore be rescinded with costs.

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The course of his remarks he called attention to various tropical diseases, and urged the necessity for a special system of study, pointing how such a system could, under existing medical arrangements, be best carried out. The Colonial Office authorities were alive to the practical importance of the recent developments of what he might designate malariology, and also to the necessity of educating the public towards adopting the measures of protection so plainly indicated thereby. The Colonial Office had already, in conjunction with the Royal Society, sent a commission to Central Africa and to the West Coast, to study malaria on the spot; it had now authorized him to make, in conjunction with the London School of Tropical Medicine, an experiment on the practicability of preventing malaria in intensely malarial localities by easily applied means. It was perhaps unsafe to prophesy before the event, especially as to the results of biological experiment; but in this instance he felt so confident about what the results would be, that he would venture to describe the experiments about to be instituted. A hut was to be erected in the most malarial part of the Roman Campaigna available. The hut was to be furnished with wire gauze door and window screens and other devices, to render it most proof. Two skilled observers and their two servants were to live in this hut from May till October of this year—that is, during the entire malarial season. Of course, they would be at liberty to go where they liked during the day, but from an hour before sunset to an hour after sunrise they were to be in the hut. Now if these men escaped from fever it would be absolute proof that very simple and inexpensive means the human body could be protected from the malarial germ. The second experiment was to be as follows:—Laboratory-bred mosquitoes (mosquitoes raised from the egg in the laboratory and which have had no opportunity of picking up malaria germs in the haunts of malaria) were to be fed in Rome on patients in whose blood the benign tertian malaria parasite had been ascertained by the microscope to be present. These mosquitoes were to be transported to London, fed on vegetable juices till the malaria germs had arrived at the venous gland. The insects were then to be liberated in a small mosquito house in which one or more Englishmen who had never left this country were to sleep. It was expected that in about ten days after this these Englishmen would develop malarial fever, and the malaria parasite would be found in their blood. There was no danger from this experiment, as the type of malarial parasite it was proposed to

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